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OXYGEN SCAVENGING POLYMERS

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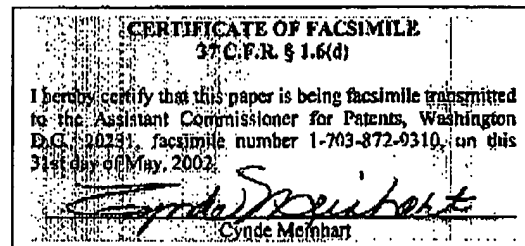
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT
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Sir:



This paper is submitted in response to the Election Requirement dated May 2, 2002, for which the date for response is June 2, 2002.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2039.008800RFE.

In the Election Requirement, the Examiner stated Applicants are required to elect one species of several different genera in the paragraph bridging pages 2-3. The following table presents the genera set forth by the Examiner; the species elected by Applicants; and a listing of all claims readable on each elected species. Applicants present this election without traverse.

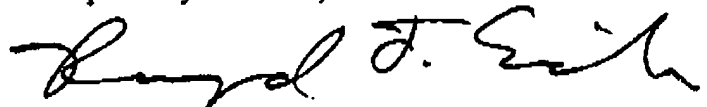
Table 1: Genera, elected species, and claims readable thereon

Genus	Elected species	Claims readable thereon
Oxygen barrier polymers recited in claim 1	poly(ethylene/vinyl alcohol) (EVOH)	1, 14, 36, and 40
Oxygen scavenging polymers selected from polyamide oligomers or polymers derived at least in part from xylylene diamine based monomers	MXD6	1, 2, 4, 14, 15, 17, 36, 38, 40, and 42
Photoinitiators recited in claims 10-11	tribenzoyl triphenylbenzene	9-11, 22-24, and 44
Transition metals recited in claim 19	cobalt	1, 6-8, 18-21, 36, and 43
Antioxidants recited in claim 20 [sic] (Applicants presume the Examiner meant to refer to claim 11)	2,6-di(t-butyl)-4-methylphenol(BHT)	12, 13, 25, 26, and 45
Packaging articles selected from a single layer flexible article, a multilayer flexible article, a single layer rigid article, or a multilayer rigid article	a multilayer rigid article	14, 18, 27, 29, 31, 35, 40, 43, and 46-49
Packaging articles either comprising structural layers or not comprising structural layers, and if comprising, structural layer components recited in claim 30	packaging articles comprising structural layers; and polyethylene terephthalate (PET)	29, 30, and 47

Genus	Elected species	Claims readable thereon
Packaging articles either comprising scavenging layers or not comprising scavenging layers, and if comprising, scavenging layer components recited in claims 32-33	packaging articles not comprising scavenging layers	31-34, 48
Packaging articles recited in claim 49	a multilayer rigid article	14, 18, 27, 29, 31, 35, 40, 43, and 46-49

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (713) 934-4065 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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